

Utah Foster Care Citizen Review Board Policy

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Volunteer Training Requirements

1. Purpose

The Utah Foster Care Citizen Review Board believes children and their families can best be served in the review process through a high quality of volunteer services. Further, the FCCRB believes excellent and quality reviews are the result of participation in the initial 18 hour training curriculum, *Foundations of Foster Care Review*, and the on-going development of the volunteers knowledge, skills and expertise.

2. Policy

The Utah Foster Care Citizen Review Board requires the completion of the entire *Foundations of Foster Care Review* curriculum for volunteers.

Volunteers beginning service in October 1998 must complete the entire training curriculum prior to their service on a review board.

Volunteers beginning service prior to October 1998 will have until December 31, 1999 to complete the *Foundations of Foster Care Review* curriculum.

Volunteers traveling more than 100 miles in one direction to attend the *Foundations of Foster Care Review* training program will be reimbursed for mileage according to the requirements of the State of Utah. Volunteers are responsible for submitting the appropriate forms to the Accounting Technician of the Foster Care Citizen Review Board.

The FCCRB recognizes that our volunteers are frequently active in other areas of service and prior commitments may necessitate joining different training groups to complete the entire curriculum. This will be discouraged, but may be allowed based on individual circumstances.

Volunteers shall obtain 8 hours of in-service training annually during each calendar year they serve on a board.

Ongoing training opportunities will be announced to Board members and/or provided by the Foster Care Citizen Review Board. Volunteers may also attend other relevant training programs and workshops. Volunteers may also read scholarly articles on the subjects of child abuse and neglect, foster care, child development, adoption, etc.

Volunteers will be responsible to report their in-service training to the volunteers services coordinator on a regular basis - but no later than 60 days after the training event.